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ABSTRACT

This report discusses a number of academic and recreational activities carried out under the Atlanta Public Schools 1981 Summer Program. Included are summer high school courses, remedial programs, alternative and work study programs, enrichment activities, and community vocational and recreational programs for elementary, middle and high school students, and for adults. Each program is described in terms of location, student population, attendance, staff, grades, tuition, course content, and frequency of classes. Other information provided includes expenditures, summary observations on program operations, and recommendations calling for (1) continued efforts to improve attendance; (2) early planning for the remedial program; and (3) continuation of the summer community school programs, alternative, work/study, and enrichment programs. (MJL)

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## INTRODUCTION

The Atlanta Public Schools provided a variety of academic and recreational activities during the summer. Academic programs included a summer school located at Grady High School, a summer quarter for the Washington Evening School, and a Title I remedial program for first graders who were subject to being retained. Alternative and work-study programs for high school students included: (1) Environmental Education, (2) Career Exploration Program/OIC, (3) Project ALIVE, (4) Executive High School Internships, (5) Youth Challenge, (6) Special Summer Vocational Program, and (7) the Roosevelt Summer Program. Driver Education was provided at the Lakewood Driving Range.

Elementary, middle, and high school students were given the opportunity to participate in the Northside School of the Performing Arts during the summer. Other enrichment activities for students included the Summer Recreational Reading Program for elementary and middle school students and the Bounty Program, a program designed for gifted elementary students.

Five community schools offered vocational and recreational programs for children and adults. The five were Archer Community School, Coan Community School, Kennedy Community School, Smith-King Community School, and Sutton Community School.

A total of 33,998 youth and adults participated in the academic, enrichment, and recreational programs or events. The sites and number of participants for each component of the summer program are listed in the table.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES

### Grady High School

The summer school for the Atlanta Public Schools was located at Grady High School and was open to students from all high schools. Grady was chosen since it is located in a central area of the city and is accessible to public transportation provided by MARTA.

The summer school served as the fourth quarter for the regular high school program. Students could take from one to six courses and earn from 5 to 30 quarter hours of academic credit. The school operated five days per week from June 11 through August 6.

The staff served from June 10 through August 7 and included one principal, four assistant principals, 54 teachers, three counselors, one registrar, two librarians, one nurse, and three secretaries.

A total of 2,571 students were served. The numbers of students by grade levels were as follows: eighth grade, 254; ninth grade, 572; tenth grade, 791; eleventh grade, 830; and twelfth grade, 124.

A total of 2,682 grades were given for courses repeated by students. Of the total, 61.5 percent were passing grades, and 38.5 percent were failing grades. Of the 3,083 grades given for advanced courses, 85.7 percent were passing grades, and 14.3 percent were failing grades. Overall, 74.4 percent of the grades issued were passing grades.

Since students were allowed to take from one to six classes each day, attendance was kept by class. The percent of class attendance for students repeating courses was 58.1 percent, and the percent of attendance for students taking advanced courses was 73.5 percent. Overall, the percent of class attendance was 65.2 percent. (The attendance data for students who withdrew during the quarter were excluded.)

The tuition for students was $15 per five-hour course for residents and $45 per five-hour course for nonresidents.

### Driver Education

Seventy-eight students, who were registered at Grady High School, received driver education at the Lakewood Driving Range. Of the total number, 67 received behind-the-wheel training, and the remaining 11 had classroom instruction only.

The resident tuition for driver education was $15 for a five-hour classroom course and $45 for behind-the-wheel training. For nonresidents, the tuition was $45 and $85, respectively.

Course credit for the driver education course was earned through Grady High School.

## SUMMER PROGRAM SITES AND THE NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS

| Component | Location | Number of Participants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Bounty Program | Walden Middle School | 353 |
| 2. Career Exploration Program/OIC | Opportunities Industrial Center | 203 |
| 3. Community Schools | | |
| Archer | Archer High School | 801 |
| Coan | Coan High School | 2,412 |
| Kennedy | Kennedy Middle School | 3,084 |
| Smith-King | Smith High School and King Middle School | 17,377 |
| Sutton | Sutton Middle School | 1,632 |
| 4. Driver Education | Lakewood Driving Range | 78 |
| 5. Environmental Education | Center for Disease Control (CDC), Outdoor Activity Center, or Atlanta City Parks | 22 |
| 6. Executive High School Internships | Individual Internships at Business and Health Care Sites | 27 |
| 7. Northside School of the Performing Arts | Northside High School | 272 |
| 8. Project ALIVE | Kennedy Middle School | 258 |
| 9. Special Summer Vocational Program | | |
| Harper | Harper High School | 58 |
| Roosevelt | Roosevelt High School | 60 |
| 10. Summer High School | Grady High School | 2,571 |
| 11. Summer Recreational Reading Program | 26 Elementary and Middle School Media Centers | 3,234 |
| 12. Title I Summer Program for First Grade Students | 24 School Sites | 980 |
| 13. Washington Evening School | Washington High School | 556 |
| 14. Youth Challenge Program | 9 Work Sites | 20 |
| Total | | 33,998 |

Washington Evening School

The Washington Evening School is housed at Washington High School and operates four quarters each year. A full academic program is offered. During the summer quarter, the following numbers of students participated: eighth grade, 39; ninth grade, 67; tenth grade, 117; eleventh grade, 180; twelfth grade, 10; and adults, 143. The total number of students was 556.

The staff consisted of a director, 27 part-time teachers, 2 paraprofessionals, 2 counselors, 2 librarians, and 6 vocational teachers.

The evening school operated four nights per week, and students earned five quarter hours for each course completed successfully.

Tuition was $15 per five-hour course for residents and $45 for nonresidents.

Title I Summer Program for First Grade Students

The Atlanta Public Schools' first grade pupils who had not mastered the minimum skills for progression to the second grade were provided a remedial program during the summer. No tuition was charged, and the program was funded by a grant under Title I of Public Law 89-10, as amended. (No additional FY '81 Title I funds were received. Rather, application was made to use a portion of the unbudgeted FY '81 Part A allocation.)

A total of 980 first grade pupils were identified as not mastering the minimum skills during the 1980-81 school year and were subject to being retained. Of the total, 716 participated in the summer program which operated at 24 school sites. Daily transportation was provided to and from the pupils' homes.

Certified elementary teachers were assigned on the basis of one teacher to ten pupils. A total of 72 teachers and 24 aides worked from June 10 through July 23. Pupils were provided two hours of instruction, five days per week, from June 10 through July 23.

The percent of attendance for students was 81 percent. After participating in the summer program, 155 (22 percent of the participants) progressed to the second grade.

Environmental Education

Twenty-two students from grades 10 through 12 participated in Environmental Education, an alternative program. Students participated at one of the following: (1) the Center for Disease Control, (2) the Outdoor Activity Center, and (3) the city parks through the Atlanta Clean City Commission. The staff consisted of a coordinator from the Atlanta Public Schools and the general staff at the work sites.

At the Center for Disease Control, students worked under the supervision of scientists in the laboratories. The students at the Outdoor Activity Center helped in conducting tours of the forest, worked on forest trail construction, and aided with nature programs for Super Safe Summer. The students who worked with the Atlanta Clean City Commission were part of a team that visited the city parks weekly and held programs for children. While their responsibility was anti-litter education primarily, they helped with planting gardens and making art work of throw-away's.

The students at the Center for Disease Control participated four hours per day for eight weeks. The students at the Outdoor Activity Center and those working with the Atlanta Clean City Commission participated four hours per day for nine weeks, although only the first 40 days were counted for course credit.

All students earned 10 credit hours, and the 19 at the Outdoor Activity Center and the Atlanta Clean City Commission were paid through the Comprehension Employment Training Act (CETA). Tuition for courses was $15 per five-hour course.

Career Exploration Program/OIC

A total of 203 Atlanta Public Schools' students from grades 9 through 12 were served in the Career Exploration Program which operated at the Opportunities Industrial Center. The program was designed for potential drop-out students and those who had dropped out within the past year.

The students were involved in the activity for 6 hours per day for 49 days. They received 10 credit hours for coursework which focused on identifying and evaluating career information sources, developing communication skills, identifying personal talents and strengths, and learning appropriate work behavior. Each student spent 4 of the 6 hours daily working at selected sites and earning money through CETA for their work.

The staff consisted of a director, eleven teachers, seven paraprofessionals, one training specialist, one lead counselor, one job developer, two secretaries, and one part-time administrative liaison.

The overall percent of attendance for the Atlanta Public Schools' students who participated was 95 percent.

Project ALIVE

A total of 258 students from grades 8 through 11 participated in Project ALIVE, which was located at Kennedy Middle School. Students were enrolled in English, mathematics, and career education classes. The focus of all classes was to aid students in developing job skills.

Students participated for 3.5 hours per day, two days per week, for nine weeks. They earned $3.35 per hour and received 5 quarter hours of course credit.

The staff consisted of a director, an assistant director, thirteen teachers, three job development counselors, and two secretaries.

The percent of student attendance during the summer was 95 percent.

Executive High School Internships

Twenty-seven students participated in the Executive High School Internships summer activity. The eleventh and twelfth grade students earned course credit by participating three hours per day, five days per week, for a total of 45 days.

The staff employed by the Atlanta Public Schools consisted of one teacher. However, attorneys, businessmen, and medical staff were involved in the program.

The students were assigned internships in career fields of their choice. They worked directly with professionals in their chosen fields.

All students were reported as having 100 percent attendance during the summer, and each student earned credit for three courses.



Youth Challenge Program

Twenty students completed the Youth Challenge Program through CETA. The students earned 10 quarter hours of course credit and participated for four hours per day, five days a week, from June 15 through August 14.

The students received on-the-job training in clerical and recreational positions and were paid for the summer. One teacher directed the activity, and the summer sponsors included Grady Memorial Hospital, the U. S. Army Recruiting Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Atlanta University Library, the Atlanta Board of Education, Hinsley Day Care Center, A. F. Herndon Day Care Center, United Youth Adult Conference, and the Emergency Land Fund.

No attendance data were reported.

Special Summer Vocational Program — Harper High School

Fifty-eight students from grades 10 through 12 participated in the Special Summer Vocational Program which operated for 38 days during the summer. The staff included one coordinator and four teachers.

The students participated five and one-half hours per day, five days per week, and earned neither course credit nor salary. However, the students received daily instruction in mathematics, communication, business education, and job skills. Students attended classes at the C & S Bank and the Trust Company Bank. In addition, seminars and field trips were held weekly.

The percent of student attendance was 91 percent.

Special Summer Vocational Program — Roosevelt High School

Sixty students from grades 10 through 12 participated in the Roosevelt summer program and earned money but no course credit. They participated four hours per day, five days per week, for eight weeks. The staff included an instructional coordinator, a counselor, and three teachers.

The program was designed to contribute to the students' career development, vocational preparation, and employability by exploring the field of information processing.

Of the total group, three withdrew during the summer. For the remaining 57 students, the percent of attendance was 94 percent.

Northside School of the Performing Arts

A total of 272 students participated in the Northside School of the Performing Arts located at Northside High School. The 158 students from grades 8 through 12 received a grade for five hours of course credit, and the 114 participants from grades 3 through 7, who did not earn course credit, were not given a grade.

Students participated in chorus, dance, band, and technical training for three productions including "Pippin," "Oliver," and Cabaret dinner night, "Hallelujah Hollywood." The program lasted from June 22 through July 31.

The staff consisted of a coordinator, four teachers, five paraprofessionals, and a part-time secretary.

The percent of attendance for the high school students was 90 percent. No attendance data were reported for the elementary students since they did not receive course credit.

The tuition for high school students was $15 per five-hour course for residents and $45 for nonresidents. For the students ages 9 through 12, the tuition was $30 for residents and $90 for nonresidents.

Summer Recreational Reading Program

The Summer Recreational Reading Program was a voluntary activity designed for elementary and middle school students. A total of 3,234 students registered in 26 elementary and middle school media centers. The number of items circulated was 30,222, and 1,939 reading certificates were earned.

The program operated from June 8 through July 21 for one or two mornings per week, depending upon the center. Participants were provided enrichment activities in reading and encouraged to read independently.

A detailed report of the summer recreational reading program is being published and is entitled "Reading is for Real in the Atlanta Public Schools 1981."



Bounty Program

The Bounty Program, which was located at Walden Middle School, was sponsored jointly by the Atlanta Public Schools and Georgia State University. It was designed to serve gifted students and provide teacher training.

A total of 353 gifted students from grades 1 through 7 were served from June 22 through July 17. Of the total number, 226 students were from the Atlanta Public Schools, 68 were from private schools, and 59 were from other school systems in the Atlanta metropolitan area. The students participated Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. No attendance data were reported.

The students took two mini-courses, each lasting two weeks. They were provided enrichment activities in science, creative arts, communications, social studies, humanities, mathematics, foreign languages, and sign language.

The parents of the participants met each week to discuss the needs of their gifted children and to learn new ways to meet those needs.

The staff consisted of a coordinator, 4 teacher specialists, 22 teacher consultants, and 34 Georgia State University graduate students.

Tuition was $25 per participant for the summer for residents and $45 for nonresidents.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Five community schools continued their operation during the summer. The five were Archer Community School, Coan Community School, Kennedy Community School, Smith-King Community School, and Sutton Community School.

Archer Community School

The Archer Community School operated Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The numbers of students by classes reported on July 30, 1981, were as follows:

| Course | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Secretary | 1 |
| Teacher's Aide | 1 |
| Typing | 25 |
| Tailoring | 36 |
| A.B.E. | 14 |
| Total | 77 |

Activities other than classes, which included one-time events as well as ongoing recreational activities, included the following:

| Activity | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Recreation | 150 |
| NPU | 15 |
| 1971 Class Meeting | 42 |
| 1972 Class Meeting | 33 |
| Advisory Council | 18 |
| Recreational Coordinator | 22 |
| Enrichment Coordinator | 222 |
| Recreational Aide | 222 |
| Total | 724 |

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Coan Community School

Coan Community School operated from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The report for July indicated the following courses and numbers of participants:

| Course | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Office Machines | 53 |
| Typing (Beginning) | 106 |
| Modern Math | 129 |
| Upholstery | 111 |
| Tailoring I | 102 |
| GED | 89 |
| Typing I | 80 |
| Physical Fitness | 67 |
| Tailoring II | 88 |
| Companion Nursing | 112 |
| Commercial Signs | 117 |
| ABE | 88 |
| Health & Happiness | 88 |
| Science | 31 |
| Art | 24 |
| English | 36 |
| Homemaking | 30 |
| Math | 24 |
| Typing | 35 |
| Health | 28 |
| Social Studies | 27 |
| Biology | 30 |
| Art | 23 |
| Reading | 32 |
| Accounting | 23 |
| Physical Education (PE) | 42 |
| Typing (Advanced) | 31 |
| Homemaking | 21 |
| Total | 1,667 |

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Activities other than classes were offered at Coan during July. They are listed below.

| Activities Other Than Classes Offered During FY '80 | Total No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Open Gym | 132 |
| Veterans Outreach | 60 |
| Crime Task Force | 112 |
| Youth Developer | 76 |
| Senior Citizens | 43 |
| E.O.A. | 106 |
| Coan Community Council | 22 |
| East Atlanta Community Council | 46 |
| Grady Basketball Team | 34 |
| N.P.U. (City) | 86 |
| Education Sub. Committee | 28 |
| Total | 745 |

Kennedy Community School

Kennedy Community School operated from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. The July report indicated the following course offerings and numbers of students.

| Course | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Tailoring | 16 |
| Adult Basic Education | 25 |
| Office Machine Repair | 20 |
| Typing | 25 |
| Sewing | 15 |
| Sewing | 10 |
| Science of Bev. Preparation | 20 |
| Upholstery | 13 |
| Drapery Construction | 12 |
| Sign Language | 12 |
| G.E.D. | 28 |
| Child Development | 16 |
| Drivers' Education | 20 |
| Clerical-Aides-Paraprofessionals | 4 |
| Total | 236 |



The activities other than courses were as follows:

| Activity | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Ladies Physical Fitness | 30 |
| Summer Youth Program | 780 |
| CETA SYEP | 500 |
| Project ALIVE | 500 |
| Swimming | 560 |
| Library-Reading | 300 |
| E.O.A. | 52 |
| Senior Citizens | 40 |
| G.E.D. - Reading | 28 |
| G.E.D. - Science | 28 |
| Adult Basic Education and Administration | 30 |
| Total | 2,848 |

Smith-King Community School

The Smith-King Community School operated from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The report submitted on August 10, 1981, indicated the following course offerings and active rolls for each.

| Course | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Child Development | 23 |
| Discovery Learning | 50 |
| Mathematics | 18 |
| My World | 47 |
| Mathematics Middle School Teachers | 22 |
| Teaching Reading | 28 |
| Adult Education | |
| ABE & GED Diploma | 38 |
| Tailoring | 18 |
| Fundamentals of Apprenticeship | 21 |
| Total | 265 |

Activities other than classes operating during the summer included the following:

| Activities | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Area Tech. Apprenticeship | 475 |
| Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies | 89 |
| Basketball Fundamentals | 160 |
| Dance and Drama | 70 |
| Super Summer Safe Fitness and Recreation | 2,716 |
| Super Summer Safe Fitness and Recreation | 7,799 |
| Lou Hudson Summer Basketball Camp | 2,391 |
| Lou Hudson Summer Basketball League | 2,606 |
| Vocational Shop | 579 |
| Youth Enterprises | 27 |
| Total | 17,112 |

Sutton Community School

The Sutton Community School operated from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The August 14, 1981, report indicated the following course offerings and numbers of students in each course.

| Course | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| French | 12 |
| Painting | 8 |
| Typing | 55 |
| Woodshop | 21 |
| Photography | 40 |
| Gymnastics | 15 |
| Mathematics | 94 |
| Reading | 94 |
| Arts and Crafts | 94 |
| Dance and Drama | 50 |
| Ecology | 25 |
| Total | 508 |



Activities other than classes involved both youth and adults. The number of participants in each activity were as follows:

| Activity | No. of Participants |
|---|---|
| Summer Recreational Program | 94 |
| ASA Soccer | 100 |
| Southern Indoor Soccer League | 200 |
| Sutton Volleyball | 80 |
| Northside Y Soccer Camp | 75 |
| Southern Bell Softball | 250 |
| Buckhead Bar and Restaurant League | 300 |
| The Atlanta Soccer Group (North) | 25 |
| Total | 1,124 |

Summer Expenditures

A total of $109,260 was collected in tuition for the summer programs. Students who paid the tuition but did not enter or withdraw early in the program were refunded $3,825. Thirty-nine percent of the students were identified as being from low-income families, and their tuition was waived.

The net cost of the summer program from general funds was $308,715.54. The salary and nonsalary expenditures are indicated in the following table.

## 1981 SUMMER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

| Program | Costs Salary | Nonsalary | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grady Summer School | $265,362.81 | $ 6,586.56 | $271,949.37 |
| Washington Evening School | 37,666.20 | 682.07 | 38,348.27 |
| Art Scene (cancelled) | 439.60 | 0.00 | 439.60 |
| Environmental Education | 1,958.40 | 54.10 | 2,012.50 |
| Northside School of the Performing Arts | 16,999.06 | 3,251.66 | 20,250.72 |
| Summer Recreational Reading Program | 51,171.94 | 15,084.10 | 66,256.04 |
| Bounty Program | 10,883.40 | 1,078.55 | 11,961.95 |
| Executive High School Internships | 2,340.00 | 0.00 | 2,340.00 |
| Youth Challenge Program | 365.40 | 0.00 | 365.40 |
| Program Administration | 0.00 | 226.69 | 226.69 |
| Total | $387,186.81 | $ 26,963.73 | $414,150.54 |

| Tuition | |
|---|---|
| Tuition Collected | $109,260.00 |
| Tuition Refunded | -3,825.00 |
| Net Tuition | $105,435.00 |
| Cost to General Funds | |
| Expenditures | $414,150.54 |
| Tuition | -105,435.00 |
| Net Cost | $308,715.54 |



The remedial program for first graders was paid entirely from Title I funds. The Title I budget was as follows:

## TITLE I SUMMER BUDGET

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Direct Costs | | |
| Salary | | $ 93,918 |
| Nonsalary | | |
| Transportation | $60,900 | |
| Materials and Supplies | 1,470 | |
| Printing and Dissemination | 5,661 | |
| Employee Benefits | 13,767 | |
| Total Nonsalary | | $ 81,798 |
| TOTAL DIRECT COSTS | | $ 177,716 |
| INDIRECT COSTS (4.47%) | | 7,943 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | $ 185,659 |

## CONCLUSIONS

Summer School

1. For high school students repeating courses, the percent of attendance was low (58.1 percent), and the percent of passing grades was low (61.5 percent). However, for the students who took advanced courses, both the percent of attendance (73.5 percent) and the percent of passing grades (85.7 percent) were not as low but still greatly in need of improvement.

2. Twenty-two percent of the first grade students who received remedial instruction during the summer were promoted to the second grade.

Alternative and Work/Study Programs

3. High school students who participated in alternative or work/study programs had high attendance and a high percentage of passing grades.

Arts

4. Students participating in the Northside School of the Performing Arts had a high rate of attendance and a high percentage of passing grades.

Evening School

5. The Washington Evening School operated fully during the fourth quarter serving 556 students. Twenty-six percent of the students were classified as adults and the remaining 74 percent as being from grades 8 through 12.

Community Schools

6. A total of 2,753 children and adults were registered in classes at the five community schools during July. An additional 22,553 were involved in recreational activities and special events.

Expenditures

7. There was a net cost to General Funds of $308,715.54 during the summer.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. While the percent of attendance for high school students attending summer school at Grady High School improved slightly when compared to attendance the previous summer, there is need for improvement. Continued efforts should be directed toward identifying and overcoming the problems.

2. Planning should be initiated in the fall if a remedial summer program is to be provided next summer. If Title I funds are to be used, the plans should be finalized by February in order to submit a Title I summer proposal prior to the March 1, 1982, deadline.

3. The summer community school program served approximately 25,000 community members and should be continued.

4. Alternative, work/study, and enrichment programs were effective in both attracting participants and in maintaining a high level of participation throughout the summer. They should be continued.